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the printer having one or more printer input devices which communicate with a processor to capture data regarding one or more customer requirements, the data comprising at least a customer selected pattern; providing the franchisee with a collection of patterns in a digital storage medium that can be read by the printer;

enabling the franchisee to print a roll of wallpaper, onto a web of blank media, on demand, according to the selected pattern; and

obtaining or attempting to obtain a fee from the franchisee.

41. (Original) A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1 adapted to produce rolls of wallpaper, the printer comprising:

a frame in which is located a media path which extends from a media loading area to a winding area;

a printhead located across the media path;

one or more input devices for capturing operator instructions;

a processor which accepts operator inputs which are used to configure the printer for producing a particular roll; and

the winding area adapted to removably retain a core and wind onto it, wallpaper produced by the printer.

42. (Withdrawn) A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1 for use in a method for printing wallpaper onto a web of media, the method comprising the steps of:

utilizing an on-demand printer comprising a cabinet in which is located a media path, there being a full width printhead located across the media path, there being a processor which accepts operator inputs from one or more input devices and which controls the printer;

using one or more input devices which communicate with the processor to capture data from an operator regarding a specification;

running the printer according to the data;

printing a single roll of wallpaper, on demand, according to a selected pattern and configuration;

changing the pattern according to a new datum from an operator; and

then printing a new roll onto the same web.

43. (Withdrawn) A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1 for use in a method for drying a moving web of media in a printer such as a wallpaper printer, the method comprising the steps of:

loading the web in a path that traverses a compartment in a dryer within the printer, the compartment having an opening across the top;

allowing the moving web to descend into the compartment, as required; and

blowing heated air from above the opening.

44. (Withdrawn) A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1 for use in a method of supplying a media web to a wallpaper printer, comprising the steps of:

opening a reusable case;

placing into the case a core onto which has been located a supply roll of blank wallpaper media;

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supporting the core for rotation within the case;  
leading a free edge of the roll between a pair of rollers and past an edge of the open case; then  
with the rollers located within the case and on either side of the web, closing the case and loading it  
into a printer.

45. (Original) A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a printhead assembly which prints onto a moving web that follows a path, the assembly comprising:  
a full width printhead located across the path;  
the printhead comprising a color printhead which is at least as wide as the web;  
the printhead being supplied with a number of different inks which are remote from the printhead and which supply the printhead through tubes.

46. (Original) A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:  
a housing in which is located a media path which extends from a blank media intake to a wallpaper exit slot;  
a multi-color roll width removable printhead located in the housing and across the media path;  
the printhead being supplied by separate ink reservoirs, the reservoirs connected to the printhead by an ink supply harness, there being a disconnect coupling between the reservoirs and the printhead;  
one or more input devices for capturing operator instructions;  
a processor which accepts operator inputs which are used to configure the printer for producing a particular roll.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Original) A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a removable printhead assembly which prints onto a moving web, the assembly comprising:  
a full width stationary printhead located on a rail along which it slides for service and removal;  
a number of replaceable ink reservoirs which supply the printhead with different inks;  
the printhead comprising a color printhead which is at least as wide as the web; and  
the printhead being supplied with the different inks through tubes which can be disconnected so the printhead may be removed.

49. (Withdrawn) A self threading printer as claimed in claim 1 for producing wallpaper on-demand via a method comprising the steps of:  
utilizing an on-demand printer comprising a cabinet in which is located a media path which passes a printhead on the way to a dispensing slot;  
selecting a pattern and a configuration;  
using one or more printer input devices which communicate with a processor to input the pattern and the configuration; and  
printing a roll of wallpaper, onto a web of blank media, on demand, according to the selected pattern and configuration.